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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION
TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed on June 23, 2006 for one (1) month(s) from September 23, 2006 to October 23, 2006. The Response to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP5031/CKT in the name of Johnson
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Respectfully submitted,

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